

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 3624**

**S/N 09/491,703**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Alex Dai-Shun Poon	Examiner:	Ella Colbert
Serial No.:	09/491,703	Group Art Unit:	3624
Filed:	January 26, 2000	Docket No.:	2043.007US1
Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING USER SELECTION OF AN ITEM CATEGORY IN AN ONLINE AUCTION		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 31, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from August 31, 2006 to November 30, 2006.